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**NOTIFICATIONS RELATING TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF  
PANCHAYAT RAJ**

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**STATE ELECTION COMMISSION**

**REGISTRATION OF POLITICAL PARTY “YSR CONGRESS PARTY”.**

**Order No. 1039/SEC-L/2010.**— Sri K. Shiva Kumar, President of the proposed “YSR Congress Party” has applied for registration of his political party under the Registration of Political Parties and Allotment of Symbols Order, 2001 with the State Election Commission, AP on 6-7-2010.

2. The State Election Commission examined the application and having satisfied with the application is in accordance with the conditions stipulated in the Symbols Order, 2001, set in motion the process of registration and a public notice was issued on 17-7-2010 by the State Election Commission, AP calling for objections from the general public for registration of the said political party and the notice was published in ‘Eenadu’ daily dated 20-7-2010 and also in the extra ordinary issue of AP Gazette No. 57, dated 22-7-2010.

3. The State Election Commission received objections from:

1. Sri Velpula Mohan Babu, H.No. 1/39, Vutukuru Village, Chintakommadinne Mandal, YSR District-516 003.
2. Sri P. Sudhakara Rao, H.No. 13-6-437/A/52/B, Indra Nagar Post, Golconda, Hyderabad-500 008.

4. In the above context, the State Election Commission gave notice to the applicant and objectors for hearing to be held on 23-8-2010 at 2-30 PM at the office of the State Election Commission.

5. The State Election Commissioner heard the applicant (who alone was present) on 23-8-2010 at 2-30 P.M. As the objectors were absent, there written objections were considered and the same were made known and read out to the applicant. The applicant made oral submissions and also filed written representation at the time of hearing and finally he requested the State Election Commission to reject the objections and register their party.

6. As seen from the objections raised in both the petitions, the focus is on the prefix (YSR) in the name of the “YSR Congress Party”, which is contended to be name of a District i.e., YSR District and also the name of a person i.e., Y.S. Rajasekhar Reddy.

7. After hearing the applicant and also perusing the written objections raised by Sri Velpula Mohan Babu and Sri P. Sudhakar Rao, the State Election Commission found that some of the political parties registered with the Election Commission of India and also with the State Election Commission, A.P., have their names with prefixes of names of persons or places. For example, there are political parties with names of persons as prefixes like NTR Telugu Desam, MGR Kazhagam, Netaji Subhash Party, Netaji Congress Sena, Sardar Patel Congress Party, Ambedkar National Congress, Biju Janata Dal etc., Also, there are registered political parties with names of places as prefixes like, Indian National Congress, Arunachal Congress, Jarkhand Mukti Morcha, Hyderabad Praja Party, Indian Christian Party, Ramagundam Pragathi Party, Rayalaseema Rashtra Samithi, Telangana Rastra Samithi, Telangana Party, Telangana Communist Party, Telangana Congress Party etc.

8. So far as the present case is concerned, the word “YSR” puts accent on both the name of a person and also name of a district. The State Election Commission is satisfied that a party could have either the name of a prominent person or a place or both as prefix to its name.

9. The State Election Commission, therefore, sees no force in the objections raised by both objectors who are opposed to the registration of the YSR Congress Party. It is, therefore, decided to reject those objections and register the YSR Congress Party as it satisfies all the norms under the Symbol Order, 2001.

10. Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under Article 243K read with article 243 ZA of the Constitution of India and Paragraph 3 of the Registration of Political Parties and Allotment of Symbols Order, 2001, the State Election Commission, hereby, registers the “**YSR Congress Party**” as a political party without a reserved symbol, subject to the following condition;

“that the registration shall not entitle the party for reservation of any exclusive symbol for it. However, the candidates duly setup by this party in local body elections (held on party basis) will be entitled to preferential treatment over independent candidates in allotment of free symbols under paragraph 5A(a) of the Registration of Political Parties and Allotment of Symbols Order, 2001” and the party shall also open bank account within 7 days from the date of receipt of the order as required under para 4 (a) (viii) of Symbol Order and furnish the details thereof to the State Election Commission”.

11. Under Paragraph 3 (9) (a) of the said Order, the party shall communicate to the Commission, without delay, any change in its name, head office, office-bearers, address or in any other material information.

Secunderabad,  
31-08-2010.

**G.M. RAMESH KUMAR,**  
*Secretary (FAC).*

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